

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Emergency Rule – Chapter 106, Deer Hunting by Residents**

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The Department requests Commission approval to adopt amendments to Chapter 106, Deer Hunting by Residents by emergency rule. Chapter 106 provides the regulations for resident deer hunting and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, licensing procedures, means and methods of taking, and transportation and reporting requirements.

The proposed amendment will allow additional deer hunting opportunity by allowing resident deer hunters who have a valid unfilled, 2007 deer license and transportation tag for the youth season or regular gun season (shotgun 1 or shotgun 2) to hunt and take antlerless only deer for each unused tag for these seasons. The proposed season will be December 21, 22, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

The recent adaption of mandatory harvest reporting for deer, has allowed the Department to analyze the harvests for the first shotgun and parts of the second shotgun season. Collectively the harvest for these two seasons is 34,000 deer below last years harvest and below the target goals of the Wildlife Bureau. Allowing for additional harvest of antlerless only deer will benefit both hunter and the public and help the Department reach the harvest goals for this year.

All deer harvested must be reported as per other seasons, and all hunters must have in possession an unfilled deer license valid for one of the seasons mentioned, or have in possession a duplicate unfilled license provided by the Department and described by this amendment.

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Attachment  
To be provided at the meeting

December 11, 2007